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1. THERE FOLLOWS IN PARA 2 THE TEXT OF THE UNESCO G-77 DECLARATION ON THE ISRAELI BOMBING OF THE IRAQI NUCLEAR FACILITY. [redacted]

[redacted] EFFORTS BY MODERATE MEMBERS OF THE G-77 TO ENSURE THAT THE DECLARATION IS NOT ISSUED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE ONGOING MEETING ON THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (IPDC) CONTINUE.

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2. STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP OF 77
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TO UNESCO AMBASSADOR ALFREDO TARRE MURZI
AS CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP OF 77 TO UNESCO AND PERMANENT DELEGATE OF VENEZUELA TO UNESCO WE HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING THE RECENT EVENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST WITH GREAT CONCERN.
SEVERAL TIMES WE HAVE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT, WITH THE CONSTRUCTIVE WILL OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED, WE WOULD BE ABLE TO OVERCOME THE OBSTACLES WHICH WE FIND ON THE ROAD TO A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE REGION.
UNFORTUNATELY, ACTS OF WAR LIKE THOSE PERPETRATED BY ISRAEL AGAINST IRAQ CAN ONLY MAKE THE SITUATION MORE COMPLICATED AND SERIOUS, AND SUCH ACTIONS LESSEN THE POSSIBILITIES OF PROMOTING PEACE.
NO PRETEXT CAN JUSTIFY THE VIOLATION OF A STATE'S SOVEREIGNTY.
THEREFORE THE ATTACK PERPETRATED BY ISRAEL AGAINST

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IRAQ MUST BE CONDEMNED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, AS A PATENT VIOLATION OF RULES AND PRINCIPLES WHICH ENSURE PEACE BETWEEN NATIONS. AS CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND PERMANENT DELEGATE OF VENEZUELA TO UNESCO WE PROMOTE AND DEFEND THE U.N. CHARTER AND THE PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW; FOR THESE GIVE HOPE FOR THE RESTORATION OF LAW AND PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AS WELL AS IN ALL REGIONS OF THE WORLD.
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